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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Vestal

SERIAL NO.: 10/023,203 ART UNIT: 2881

FILING DATE: December 17, 2001 EXAMINER: Not yet assigned

TITLE: A TANDEM TIME-OF-FLIGHT MASS SPECTROMETER
WITH DELAYED EXTRACTION AND METHOD FOR USE

SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee for the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment.

In the Claims

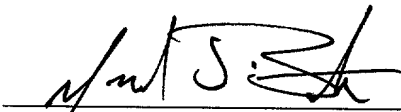
Please cancel without prejudice claims 2-37 prior to calculating the filing fee.

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 were originally filed in the application to which the present application claims the benefit of as a continuation application under 35 U.S.C. §120. Applicant cancels without prejudice claims 2-37. As a result, claim 1 will be pending after entry of this Amendment.

If it is believed that a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this, the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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